

QCWA Hotline Report

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A REMINDER! QCWA PROVIDES A SERVICE TO SIGHT-IMPAIRED MEMBERS - CASSETTE TAPES CARRYING EXCERPTS FROM EACH ISSUE OF THE QCWA JOURNAL ARE FURNISHED TO MEMBERS FREE OF CHARGE. TO RECEIVE THE SERVICE IT IS NECESSARY TO SEND A REQUEST TO:

JIM WALSH, W7LVN 159 E 16th ST EUGENE, OR 97401

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY SIGHT IMPAIRED MEMBER WHO MIGHT LIKE THE SERVICE LET US KNOW. TAPES MAY BE KEPT FOR FUTURE REFERENCE IF DESIRED.

The QCWA Memorial Station, W2MM is being used during the 1988 QSO Parties with Herb Gleed, W6FQ. If you contact W2MM and wish a QSL card, send your card to:

Leonice Woodward, W1ZEN, 14 Emmett St, Marlboro, MA 01752

The QCWA Board of Directors will meet on April 8 & 9, 1988, in Irving, Texas. The agenda is heavy, but if you have matters which should come before the Board, send your material to Jim Walsh, W7LVN (see address above). Agenda items should be clearly identified together with your reasons for the request and full information with respect to your request.

We have received word that the Dayton Hamvention will expect to host a very important event - a meeting of a number of experts in the field of RFI will be on hand to talk to and to provide answers to questions in a forum to be attended by Congressional Representatives. This meeting may go far toward bringing to our legislators some basic understandings of the extent of the problem. In this day of environmentalists, most of whom fly by the seat of their pants, with little fundamental understanding of the matters upon which they exert influence. Among those who will appear is Al Marquardt, W5PXH, President of the Dallas Chapter of QCWA. Al has had great interest in this matter for years, and is considered to be an expert in all phases of RFI. If you are planning on attending the Hamvention, be sure to take part in the forum

The Spring issue of The QCWA Journal is going to be a whiz-bang. A very great deal of material has been prepared and much remains to be done. It is expected to be the largest issue ever published. There are many comments from members, much Chapter news, editorials, and of course there will be an abbreviated version of the minutes of the Spring Board meeting.

The 1988 Chapter Reports have been coming in quite well. Those Chapters for which we have not received a Report are: 34, 42, 53, 54, 62, 66, 74, 75, 79, 81, 94, 114, 129, 131, 132, 133, 136, 139, 141, 144, 145, 147, 158, 163. Note that we say we have not received a report. It may be that they were sent, but not received here. This happens more than a few times. In

the event your Chapter is listed above, please send a report immediately. We are printing a Chapter Directory which will go to press March 15. If your report is not in by that time, we have to consider that your Chapter is inactive. Inactive Chapters are not included in the QCWA Chapter Directory.

We have noted that a 6-month late comment has been filed in connection with the FCC proposal to give 220 - 222 MHz to land mobile interests. This time a big-gun, UPS, has come into the picture. UPS is no small-bore outfit. They carry much weight and they certainly have the funds to carry out any proposal which they feel will provide better customer service and, at the same time, increase their revenues. If the FCC accepts the late filing you can expect a whole new ballgame. Watch for developments! And, while it may be too late, get on 220 a bit, show some activity. Non-use, or light-use of 220 seems to be the wedge that all of the commercial interests are using to pry open the door. Our Achilles heel?

QCWA HEADQUARTERS has been able to put together three copies of the issues of QCWA NEWS for the years 1986 and 1987. These have been punched and placed in a simple loose-leaf binder. If you want a set we'll send them to you for \$10.00 for each year, postpaid as long as they last. In this connection. If you aren't doing it, why not set up a loose-leaf booklet to hold your issues of the "NEWS"/JOURNAL. They provide a pretty good source of information on QCWA activities, minutes of meetings, financial statements, Silent Key lists, New Member lists and a host of other such info. No where else can you get it! In future years we hope to be able to have a few more copies of complete volumes of The Journal.

We have received word of, and heard him on the air, our Vice President, Hugh Winter, W5HD. Hugh has been getting on the air Sunday afternoons on 14,347. It is good to know he is on the mend. Quite a number of other QCWA Officers and Directors attend the QCWA on-the-air meeting on Sunday afternoon. Check in to the net!

QCWA Secretary Jim Walsh and Headquarters are investigating the pro's and con's of desktop publishing in so far as the QCWA Journal is concerned. At present all material is prepared by computer, printed and pasted up. With the desktop we would theoretically be able to prepare entire pages, layout, type fonts, borders, etc. This might provide a real saving in time. Only time and studies will tell. One thing is certain, it will require that QCWA have another computer. At present our basic computer is busy most of the time with membership files and associated work. When work is begun on the Journal, then work on the Files must stop. This sort of stop-go procedure is wasteful and time consuming. If an when a desktop procedure is inaugurated, a separate computer system is in order.....for the Journal, and for carrying on QCWA membership correspondence, etc.

QCWA is working toward reducing the operations required to renew QCWA membership. At present the transactions are noted on a permanent card, one for each member. Then the information is placed in the computer database, then a membership card is typed out with the necessary information, an envelope is addressed (may be computer label) and the material is sent to the member. Our present plan is to use the card then enter the data in the database, then on special forms, have the computer fill out the membership card, address it for mailing so that with one key-function, the whole schmeer will be automatic, and error-free, provided of course that the database has no errors. Window envelopes will be used to send the form acknowledging renewals, or new members, and upon which the membership card is a part.

THE PHONE SECTION OF THE QSO PARTIES WILL BE COMING UP MARCH 12 & 13. IF YOU WERE NOT IN THE CW PARTY, AT LEAST TAKE PART IN THE PHONE SECTION. YOU WON'T REGRET THE TIME SPENT.....AND, WHEN DONE, SEND IN YOUR LOG(S) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL ACTIVITY BE REPORTED!

REMEMBER, QCWA HAS A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THIS IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO MAKE AN AWARD TO A YOUNG MAN OR WOMEN THAT YOU KNOW, WHO CAN USE THE FUNDS TO HELP WITH THEIR COLLEGE EXPENSES. REMEMBER, ALL SCHOLARSHIPS GO TO AMATEURS ONLY, THAT ARE REGISTERING IN AN ACCREDITED UNIVERSITY, AND WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY A QCWA MEMBER. FORMS AND INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM:

FAR SCHOLARSHIPS
6903 Rhode Island Avenue
College Park, MD 20740

ALL QCWA SCHOLARSHIPS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO (FAR). INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 1988!

QCWA HEADQUARTERS IS ESTABLISHING A SMALL BANK OF VIDEO TAPES COVERING SUBJECTS OF INTEREST, WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CHAPTERS, ON A LOAN BASIS, FOR MEETING PROGRAM MATERIAL. WE WILL MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MARCH HOTLINE REPORT, LISTING THE SUBJECTS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO CHAPTERS WHO DESIRE THIS SORT OF PROGRAM MATERIAL. SINCE WE EXPECT TO HAVE ONLY ONE COPY OF EACH PROGRAM, IT'LL BE A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED PROPOSITION.

The QCWA Board of Directors has tendered invitations to all nominated candidates for office in the Spring, 1988 election in which five directors will be elected to the Board. This 1988 election is a so-called off-year election, in which only 5 directors are to be elected. The Candidates are invited to attend the Board meeting at Irving, April 8 & 9. The candidates may sit in as observers to familiarize themselves with QCWA Board activities and procedures. Several have indicated that they expect to make the trip.

AND, IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS. THE QCWA NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO PROVIDE A LIST OF CANDIDATES TO BE PRESENTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SPRING, 1989 ELECTION. THAT ELECTION WILL BE A FULL-BLOWN AFFAIR IN WHICH ALL OFFICERS AND 5 DIRECTORS WILL BE ELECTED. NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR CHAPTER TO CONSIDER SUBMITTING A NOMINATION FOR BOARD OR OFFICER POSITIONS. NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE BY NOTIFYING THE COMMITTEE OF YOUR DESIRE. IF THEY AGREE, THEN THE CANDIDATE IS NOMINATED. IF THEY DO NOT AGREE, THEN YOU CAN, WITH LITTLE EFFORT NOMINATE BY PETITION. DON'T LET THIS 1989 ELECTION GO BY WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING YOUR THOUGHTS AND EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT QCWA CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF HAVING HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND MOTIVATED OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

The QCWA Hotline Report is published on approximately monthly intervals. It is sent free of charge to all Chapter Secretaries and Presidents. It may be obtained by any member upon payment of an annual fee of \$6, which brings it first class mail, postpaid. If you are interested, write to HQ.

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The latest member enrolled in QCWA is: Raymond I. Vickland, K0BTZ, 3322 S 104th Ave, Omaha, NE 68124. Submitted by Bob Brenneman, W0UQJ. Our best wishes to Raymond, and thanks to Bob.

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